

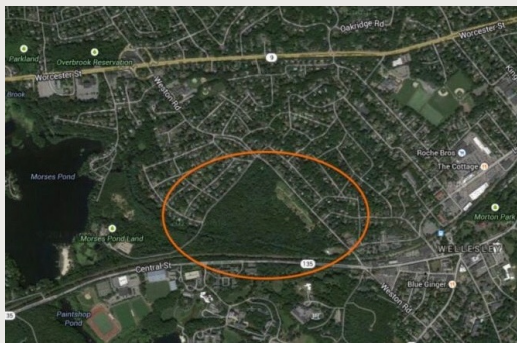


WELLESLEY NATURAL
RESOURCES COMMISSION

Insights from Outside

September 2019

This Weekend! Explore the North 40



Trail Walk:

Saturday, September 28th (10-11AM)

Explore the North 40 trails! Use the new boardwalk to visit the vernal pool, check out the community gardens, and hike through woodlands and a pine forest on this easy and enjoyable walk. **Meet at the gate to Morses Pond**, located at the end of Turner Road, (off of Weston Road). Please park on the wooded side of Turner Road. Sponsored by [Wellesley Trails Committee](#).

Bio Blitz:

Sunday, September 29th (1-2PM)

Calling citizen scientists of all ages! Help us inventory the bio-diversity at the North 40. Download the [iNaturalist app](#) to your smartphone, then photograph insects, plants, and animals. iNaturalist online scientists will identify, map, and record your findings for future research. **Meet at the gate to Morses Pond**, located at the end of Turner Road, (off of Weston Road). Please park on the wooded side of Turner

Education In Action



Groups in town have been taking advantage of the many educational programs offered by the NRC. Our Environmental Education and Outreach Coordinator Lisa Moore recently visited the Council on Aging to present "The Wild Side of Wellesley at Night," a talk about the many nocturnal animals that call Wellesley home, which will be repeated at Waterstone at Wellesley and for the [Wellesley Friendship Circle](#) later this month. Lisa has also been working with Bates fifth-grade students and their teachers, demonstrating how to protect our drinking water by using the NRC's popular watershed model, a hands-on activity which illustrates how common contaminants like fertilizers, pesticides, detergent from hand-washing cars, and leaking car oil can enter our groundwater. Hardy and Sprague schools are up next on the schedule! Contact [Lisa](#) to bring Project-Based Learning to your school or organization.

Road. Presented by the [Wellesley Natural Resources Commission](#) and the [Wellesley Conservation Council](#).

Your forested parklands provide numerous benefits. Check out this [flyer](#) for more information.



Don't miss [Kids' Trails Day!](#)
Sunday October 20, 1:30 to 3:00PM in the Town Forest. Meet at Longfellow Pond on Oakland Street.

See all of the Trails Committee's fall walks [here](#).

Vernal Pool Boardwalk Grand Opening



Threats of hurricane conditions couldn't stop the crowd from attending the grand opening of the North 40 Vernal Pool. The new boardwalk trail is accessible to all and will be used for recreation as well as a great new educational resource to highlight the importance of these protected habitats. The NRC would like to extend a huge thank you to all of the volunteers who helped to make this project a success, and to the [CPC](#) for appropriating Community Preservation Act funding for the materials. Click [here](#) to watch a video about the building of the boardwalk. Pictured above: Bill Giezantanner cuts the ribbon to officially open the North 40

Steps to Stay Safe from Mosquito Borne Illnesses



Portions of Wellesley were included in a state mandated pesticide aerial spraying for Mosquitoes last week to reduce the risk of eastern equine encephalitis (EEE). However, the best way to avoid mosquito born illness is to prevent mosquito bites. Using mosquito repellent, wearing clothes that keep exposed skin to a minimum, removing standing water where mosquitoes breed from your property, and avoiding outdoor activities during dawn and dusk (peak times for mosquito activity) are some simple ways to protect yourself.

[Read this pamphlet for more ways to stay protected](#)

Get Your Guide On!



Just in time for your festivals, banquets, class parties, meetings, and teacher events...

The new [Wellesley Green Schools' Smart Event Guide](#) is out with helpful suggestions for all your PTO and sporting events! Reduce waste AND save your

Vernal Pool Boardwalk Trail as fellow volunteers look on.

And the Bronze Award Goes to Sprague Girl Scout Troop #66063



We were thrilled to host Sprague Girl Scout Troop #66063 at our September 19th NRC meeting for their report on how to properly create a dog park. Their report was organized, well thought out, professionally presented and very informative. To conduct their research for the report, the scouts interviewed town staff and elected officials including Animal Control Officer Sue Webb, NRC Director Brandon Schmitt, Selectman Beth Sullivan Woods, and State Representative Alice Peisch. The Scouts put a lot of hard work into their project, which qualifies them to earn their Bronze Medal. You can watch their presentation [here](#). We'd like to offer them our congratulations for a job very well done!

Walk to School on October 2



Organize *your* school to participate in National Walk (and Bike) to School Day on Wednesday October 2 - a healthy, safe and fun way to start the school year, which also reduces traffic and emissions. Upham, Fiske and Bates are among the 3092 schools already registered across the county. Learn more and [register your school here](#), or contact [Wellesley Green Schools](#).

group money by using the Banquet in a Bag supplies, or borrowing party props from the Fiske Cage! Planning a big outdoor event? Save on bottled water by inviting the MWRA Water Buggy. It's all easy and free. [Click here for the guide](#)

Town Cleanups Scheduled - Join in!



Fuller Brook Path: Sunday October 6 from 1-3PM. Friends and neighbors will work on and around the path between Dover Road and Cottage Street. Email Jay Prosnitz at jayprosnitz@me.com to sign up.

Longfellow Pond: Saturday October 12 from 2-3:30PM. Hosted by the World of Wellesley and co-sponsored by [Sustainable Wellesley](#). Visit the [WOW event website](#) for more information and to RSVP.

[Contact the NRC](#) if you'd like to organize a cleanup in your neighborhood! We can help.

**Help our Birds
Winter is Coming...
LEAVE THE LEAVES**

Face Time with Your Elected Officials



NRC Commissioners and members of other elected boards will be on hand at the **Wellesley League of Women Voters "Wellesley Meet Up."** The event is a great chance to meet your town officials, learn more about what the boards do, and ask any questions you may have about town projects or issues. No topic is off the table, but be careful... you might also get recruited! **Thursday October 17, 7:30PM** Wellesley High School cafeteria.



One of the most valuable things you can do to support pollinators (and the birds who rely on them for food) is to provide the winter cover they need in the form of fall leaves and standing dead plant material. **North America has lost 3 billion birds in the last 50 years.** Learn about why a little mess in your yard makes for good wildlife habitat from the **Xerces Society**. Finally, to help protect overwintering insects who are making the leaves their homes, please don't mow or shred the leaves. Thank you.

MEETING CALENDAR

Agendas **are posted** 48 hours prior to meeting time.

Upcoming NRC Meetings:

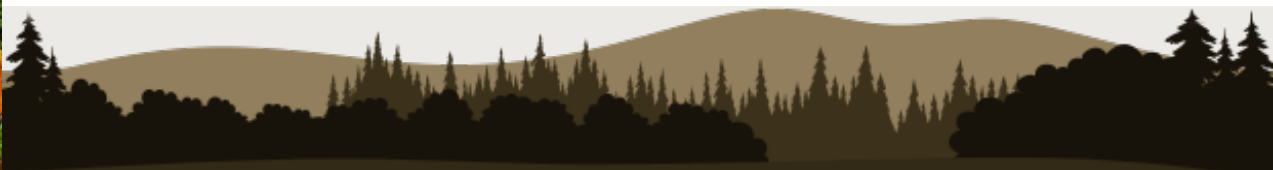
- Thursday October 3rd: 7:00 PM
- Thursday October 24th: 7:00 PM
- Thursday November 7th: 7:00 PM
- Thursday November 21st: 7:00 PM

Upcoming Wetlands Protection Committee Meetings:

- Thursday October 3rd: 6:30 PM, Kingsbury Room, Wellesley Police Station

Upcoming Trails Committee Meetings:

- October date and location TBD



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